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above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

The cited document is a Partial International Search in corresponding PCT/US02/35337 and is directed to the subject matter of claims 1-6, 14, 22, 24, 25 and 27. Copies of the cited references are filed herewith. U.S. Patent No. 4,684,360 issued to Tokuno et al. was cited by Applicants in the above-identified application on July 10, 2002.

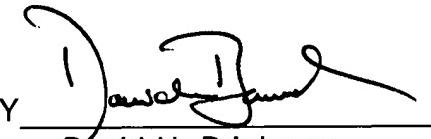
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The Examiner is urged to consider all of the cited documents and to make an independent evaluation of the teachings and materiality of each.

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